



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

PATENT APPLICATION

Charles Abbas, et al.

TRANSFORMATION SYSTEMS FOR
FLAVINOGENIC YEAST

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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This is in response to the Final Official Action mailed January 6, 2005, in connection with the above-captioned Application, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire April 6, 2005. This Amendment and Reply is submitted within the two-month period of the mailing date of the final action. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue an advisory action before the end of the three-month period ending April 6, 2005. The Examiner's rejections have been carefully considered, and in view of the following remarks and amendments, reconsideration and early allowance of all pending claims is courteously requested.

Please amend this Application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 3 of this Response.